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SUBJECT: ENGINEERS OVERSEAS HANDBOOK - 1976 EDITION

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THIS TELEGRAM KEYED TO REFAIR

1A. IN ABU DHABI PRACTICING CONSULTANTS OF ALL NATIONALITIES ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN LICENSE FROM DEPT. OF TOWN PLANNING. LICENSE IS FOR FIRM - NOT EACH INDIVIDUAL ENGINEER. REGISTRATION MUST BE RENEWED EACH YEAR. REGISTRATION FEE 125 DOLLAR PER YEAR.

IN ADDITION THE ABU DHABI DEPT. OF PLANNING HAS RECENTLY BEGUN REGISTERING CONSULTING FIRMS WHO WANT TO WORK FOR THE ABU DHABI GOVERNMENT. REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM ABU DHABI DEPT. OF PLANNING, P.O. BOX 12, ABU DHABI, U.A.E. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR REGISTRATION.

1B. VERY FEW, IF ANY, BUT THERE ARE NUMEROUS FOREIGN CONSULTANT FIRMS WITH OFFICES HERE.

1C. SEE 1A.

1D. ABU DHABI DEPT. OF TOWN PLANNING

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2. NONE IS KNOWN TO EMBASSY.

3A. AT PRESENT NO LOCAL AGENT IS REQUIRED IN EITHER ABU DHABI, DUBAI, OR SHARJAH THOUGH LEGISLATION IS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN ABU DHABI WHICH WOULD REQUIRE CONSULTANTS TO TAKE LOCAL AGENTS. PRESENT ABU DHABI LAW REQUIRES CONTRACTING AND TRADING COMPANIES TO HAVE LOCAL AGENT - BUT FIRMS OFFERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS LAW.

3B. N/A

3C. N/A

3D. LOCAL AGENT SHOULD BE REGISTERED WITH APPROPRIATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

4A. IN ABU DHABI XJ RMS MUST BE AT LEAST 51 PER CENT LOCALLY OWNED.

4B. VERY LIMITED

5A. GENERALLY NO. THOUGH ON VERY LARGE PETROLEUM-RELATED PROJECTS THIS DOES OCCUR. TREND IS AWAY FROM SINGLE ALL-INCLUSIVE CONTRACTS.

5B. USUALLY NEGOTIATED IN ABU DHABI AND DUBAI, THOUGH IN ABU DHABI TREND IS TOWARD TENDERS EVEN FOR CONSULTING SERVICES.

5C. NO INFORMATION

5D. NO INFORMATION

5E. BID BOND OF 5 PERCENT AND PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE OF 10 PERCENT ALMOST ALWAYS REQUIRED. NO PRE-BID GUARANTEES REQUIRED.

6. NONE KNOWN

7. NO 8A-E. ONLY OIL COMPANIES PAY CORPORATE INCOME TAX.  
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9A. NO

9B. N/A

9C. YES. DUTIES NOMINAL, USUALLY 2 PER CENT.

10. DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS

P.O. BOX 3  
ABU DHABI, U.A.E.

DEPT OF WATER AND ELECTRIC WY  
P.O. BOX 210  
ABU DHABI, U.A.E.

DEPT OF PLANNING  
P.O. BOX 12  
ABU DHABI, U.A.E.

DUBAI MUNICIPALITY  
P.O. BOX 67  
DUBAI, U.A.E.

ABU DHABI MUNICIPALITY  
P.O. BOX 263  
ABU DHABI, U.A.E.

TOWN PLANNING DEPT  
P.O. BOX 862  
ABU DHABI, U.A.E.

11A. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IS ARABIC. ENGLISH WIDELY SPOKEN.

11B. ENGLISH AND METRIC. TREND IS TOWARD METRIFICATION.

12. EMPLOYER GENERALLY PAYS FOR EMPLOYEE HOUSING WHICH IS  
VERY COSTLY. COMBINATION OF HOUSING ALLOWANCES, VACATION PAY,  
AND AIRLINE TICKETS OFTEN EQUALS OR EXCEEDS BASE SALARY.  
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